

Eckert House
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Port Oneida
Glen Arbor Vicinity
Leelanau County
Michigan

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ADDENDUM TO:
ECKHERT FARM
(Bauer Farm)
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Kelderhouse Road & Basch Road
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ECKHERDT FARM (Bauer Farm)

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The name was changed from Eckert Farm to Eckhert Farm. Also, the location was changed from Glen Arbor vicinity to Port Oneida vicinity to more accurately reflect the location of the resource.

Significance:

Henry and Catherine Eckhert immigrated from Bohemia to the U.S. between 1850 and 1855, arriving in Michigan in 1857. In 1862, the Eckherts purchased and settled on their farm in Port Oneida. Their original log cabin is now owned by the A.I.R. Foundation and has been moved from its original location near the farm. Mr. Eckhert was listed as a farmer as early as 1860 on the manuscript schedules for the federal population census. Henry's brother, George was married to Catherine's sister Mary, and they farmed on Baker Road just northwest of this farm. There are no buildings remaining at George's farm. Catherine served Port Oneida and the surrounding area as a midwife. Their farm has been described as an "excellent example of an historical farm" and was the site of many dances enjoyed by community residents. The Bours bought the farm around 1940 - 1950. According to Elsa Eckhert Barriner, her father, Henry Eckhert Jr., grew corn, potatoes, and a variety of grains. The family also raised cows, pigs, chickens, and ducks.¹

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¹ This significance statement was copied from the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore website.
<http://www.nps.gov/slbe/planyourvisit/poeckhert.htm>